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Dear Commissioner:

Distribution Center

I am writing to you to urge you to conduct nationwide hearings by the FCC on media control and ownership in America. As you know our nation's media are being controlled by fewer and fewer voices, something that runs counter to the principals and ideals of the First Amendment's guarantees on free speech. If only a wealthy few have control of the majority of the media it makes this Amendment and ideal almost moot. I thank you for the recent hearing you did on this topic but this must be nationwide, entirely open and made public in advance so everyone has the opportunity to attend and state their opinions. I urge you to fully examine in the future if a proposed merger or media acquisition will limit or lower diversity in opinion in national and the local communities effected. Another area of concern of yours should be the fact would it increase prices by allowing a monopoly or near monopoly in that market for that service.

Sincerely,

Trudy Mc Collom

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